

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

July 24, 2007 to August 22, 2007

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a federal construction activity to determine if it is consistent with the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The act seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

Department of Defense/U.S. Navy

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The U.S. Navy proposes to replace the existing piers at the Naval Air Station Oceana (NAS Oceana) Owl's Creek Boat Launch Facility in the City of Virginia Beach. The facility is located on Owl's Creek in the Rudee Inlet Basin, due east of NAS Oceana and north of the Virginia Marine Science Museum. The Navy proposes to demolish Piers 1 & 2 and replace them with a new 177'-6" long by 20'-0" wide concrete pier in the same location capable of supporting tractor-trailer loads. The pier would be configured to provide mooring positions for loading and berthing operations of the new vessel. A small access road would be constructed making a straight line connection between existing pavement and the new pier. The new pier will be built out of precast/prestressed construction or cast in place concrete. Either construction technique will include piles, fender system, timber dolphins, mooring cleats, lighting and incidental related work. The Navy finds the proposal consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program (VCP).

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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